

## TO GIVE THE KAISER TIME

President Wilson not Dis-  
posed to Press for Reply  
At Once

## EMBASSY IS CHEERFUL

Dispatches From Berlin Held to In-  
dicate Disposition to Meet Demands  
of United States

Washington, April, 29.—Ambassa-  
dor Gerard, at Berlin, in advising the  
State Department yesterday that he  
had been invited to confer with Em-  
peror William at army headquarters,  
said he had not been informed of the  
purpose of the conference. In fact,  
Secretary Lansing said when announc-  
ing the receipt of Mr. Gerard's dis-  
patch, no explanation of any kind had  
accompanied the invitation.

The belief prevails here, however,  
that the Emperor desires to discuss  
the general submarine situation with  
Ambassador Gerard and possibly ex-  
plain in detail his views for the bene-  
fit of President Wilson. Diplomats,  
especially those attached to Teu-  
tonic embassies, seemed to regard  
the conference between the Emperor  
and the Ambassador as holding a cer-  
tain degree of hopefulness.

Brief consideration was given the  
submarine issue at yesterday's Cab-  
inet meeting—the first held in a week  
—but Secretary Lansing was able to  
give only the most meagre informa-  
tion on the subject. In view of the  
activity of German Government of-  
ficials and their apparent intention to  
reach a decision as quickly as pos-  
sible the President is disposed not to  
instruct Ambassador Gerard to press  
for a reply to the American demand  
at once.

The question will not be allowed to  
drag along many more days how-  
ever, it was said.

The attack by a submarine on the  
British merchantman *Industrious*, and  
the placing of the crew in open boats  
120 miles from shore, created an un-  
favorable impression on officials, al-  
though there were no Americans on  
board and therefore the United States  
is not directly concerned. Germany  
has admitted that it is only proper  
to place passengers and crews of at-  
tacked vessels in open boats when  
they are near shore and the weather  
is good.

Optimism regarding the ultimate  
outcome of the situation was apparent  
in German circles following the re-  
ceipt by the German Embassy of dis-  
patches from Berlin, described as in-  
dicating that Germany would attempt  
to meet the American demands.

Because of the visit of Mr. Gerard  
to the Emperor, officials seemed in-  
clined to believe that it would be im-  
possible for Germany to make reply  
to the American note before early  
next week.

Berlin, April 29.—With James W.  
Gerard, the American Ambassador, on  
his way to the German Army head-  
quarters and the leading German  
statesmen already there the day passed  
quietly in Berlin, where no new de-  
velopments occurred, with regard  
to the American note to Germany  
concerning Germany's method of sub-  
marine warfare.

The newspapers refrained from any  
comment on the latest developments  
in the situation, merely mentioning  
Ambassador Gerard's departure. The  
general situation was not referred to  
by the newspapers, except the  
*Tagess Zeitung*, which printed its  
usual article, saying emphasis on the  
statement that the underwater boat  
is a necessity in Germany's warfare  
against Great Britain.

A Berlin dispatch to the Cologne  
Gazette again calls attention to what  
it terms the hopes of Germany's en-  
emies to bring about a breach in Ger-  
man-American relations. This dis-  
patch says the press of the Entente  
powers is seeking untiringly to ham-  
per the conviction into the whole  
world that the conditions as laid  
down by the American Government  
will not be acceptable to Germany  
and that an effort is being made to  
discredit the German answer in ad-  
vance, no matter what it may be.  
"The purpose of these efforts," says

the dispatch, "is clear, England and  
France are logging for German-Amer-  
ican complications."

The Cologne Gazette adds that it  
is interesting to learn what Germany's  
enemies desire. "One must study their  
words fully and understand them  
rightly," the newspaper declares, "for  
one can make important conclusions  
from them."

## COUNTY DAY CELEBRATION.

School Children Have Big Parade at  
Manassas, Virginia.

Manassas, Va. April, 29.—County  
Day was celebrated here yesterday.  
The big parade of school children, a  
short address and the awarding of  
prizes in the pennmanship contest by  
Representative Charles C. Carlin, the  
presentation of a watch and fob to  
George C. Tayler, former superintend-  
ent of school for Prince William coun-  
ty and a gift to Mr. Ledman, former  
clerk of the Occoquan District School  
Board, by children of that district  
were among the many interesting  
events of the morning. The inspection  
of the exhibits of the county fair and  
the public school track meet at  
Round athletic field were held this  
afternoon.

The following schools took part in  
the parade: Manassas High and grad-  
ed, Greenwiche, Nokesville, Gold  
Ridge, Hayfield, Aden, Haymarket,  
Hill Park, Groveton, Bacon Race,  
Bradley, Fairview, Thornton, Bethel,  
King's Cross Roads, Occoquan, Wood-  
bridge, Bristow, Cannon Branch, and  
Dumfries.

The gold watch given Mr. Tayler  
was purchased with a fund to which  
each child contributed a penny. The  
Tyler Literary Society of Bethel  
High School presented him a watch  
fob. Mr. Ledman received a pair of  
gold cuff links.

## EIGHT GERMANS INDICTED

Charged With Conspiracy to Place  
Incendiary Bombs on Munition  
Ships of Allies.

New York, April 29.—The Federal  
grand jury returned an indictment  
yesterday against the eight Germans  
recently arrested on the charge of  
engaging in a conspiracy to place  
incendiary bombs on ships carrying  
munitions for the Entente Allies and  
against Dr. Walter T. Scheele, presi-  
dent of the New Jersey Agricultural  
Chemical Company, the alleged lead-  
er of the conspiracy, who has not yet  
been arrested. It was at Scheele's  
factory that the bombs were partly  
manufactured, it is alleged.

The indictment was found on testi-  
mony given by Capt. Charles von  
Kleist, who was employed in the  
Scheele factory, and Ernst Becker an  
electrician aboard the Hamburg Amer-  
ican Line steamship *Friedrich der  
Grosse*, on which also, it is alleged,  
bombs were manufactured. Both were  
among those indicted, but have been  
promised immunity, according to the  
District Attorney.

The others accused are Capt. Otto  
Wolpert and Capt. Eno Bode, of the  
Hamburg-American Line; Carl  
Schmidt, chief engineer, and Fred-  
erick Karbaide, Wilhelm Parades and  
George Praedel, assistant engineers on  
the *Friedrich der Grosse*.

The indictment charges that the  
acts in the conspiracy were commit-  
ted between January, 1915, and April  
1916. It asserts that Dr. Scheele, pur-  
chased the lead used in the manufac-  
ture of the bombs from J. D. John-  
son & Co., of Jersey City, at various  
times in April, 1915, and on January  
8, and February 2, 1916. On April 15,  
1915, Becker is accused of having de-  
livered to Wolpert a satchel contain-  
ing a number of the bombs.

## FARMER BURNS TO DEATH

Recluse, Believed to Have Had Large  
Sum, May Have been Victim of  
Foul Play.

Bristol, Tenn., April 29.—William  
Dodson, an aged farmer, who lived  
alone at Blevins, Carter county, Tenn.,  
burned to death in a fire that de-  
stroyed his home Thursday night.

Because he is supposed to have kept  
concealed a large sum of money, there  
are rumors of foul play, although no  
clue has developed.

## NOTICE TO LIQUOR DEALERS.

All liquor dealers desiring to re-  
new their license must make applica-  
tion for renewal of same on or before  
May 1st.

CHARLES H. CALLAHAN,  
Commissioner of the Revenue

## SCOTT MAKES COUNTER PLAN

Obregon's Demand That  
Troops Be Withdrawn  
Considered

## WOULD PURSUE VILLA

Believed in Washington That Mexican  
Will Make Suggestion or Demand  
on This Country.

Washington, April 29.—Obregon's  
demand that American troops be  
withdrawn from Mexico will be met  
by a counter-proposal from General  
Scott in the conference today at Ju-  
arez.

The counter-plan is understood to  
be for the United States forces to  
hold their ground in northern Mexico  
as a sort of protectorate while the  
de facto troops complete the work  
of stamping out Villa's bands.

Scott is authorized to propose that  
American troops move northward in  
Mexico while the Mexicans pursue  
Villa and his bands to the south.

He is instructed, however, not to  
treat on withdrawal, but to inform  
Obregon, should he make such a  
demand, that this must be taken up  
through diplomatic channels.

Scott's orders deal with co-operation.  
He is instructed to emphasize  
the need or it, both for its effect upon  
the Mexican people and for the  
sake of early capture of Villa.

He has been told to point out to  
Gen. Obregon that public opinion in  
the United States will not brook re-  
petition of the Columbus raid, and  
that for this reason it is imperative  
the Villa hunt continue.

The American Government does  
not care whether the American troops  
capture Villa or whether this honor  
falls to the Carranzistas. This point  
will be made to show Obregon that  
the desire of the Administration is  
solely to scatter the Villa bands  
and that there cannot be further border  
outrages.

Obregon is vested with diplomatic  
as well as military power. Scott, on  
the other hand, is authorized only to  
urge the need for concerted action.  
He cannot make any bargain about  
the length of stay of the expedition,  
further than to show Obregon that  
it can be shortened if there is actual  
co-operation.

That Obregon will make either a  
suggestion or a demand for with-  
drawal is believed here. A report of  
Scott's progress is expected by late  
tonight, though there may be several  
days of parley. Officials here place  
special trust in Scott and believe  
that if it is humanly possible to swing  
Obregon to the American viewpoint,  
Scott will do it.

## REV. JOSIAH STRONG DEAD

Regarded as Originator of "Safety-  
First" Movement.

New York, April 29.—The Rev.  
Josiah Strong, president since 1902 of  
the American Institute for Social  
Service, president of the Social Center  
Association of America, former presi-  
dent of the American Foreign and  
Christian Union, editor and author,  
died in a hospital here yesterday.

Dr. Strong was born in Naperville  
Ill., in 1847 and was graduated from  
Western Reserve College in 1869 and  
from Lane Theological Seminary in  
1871, being ordained to the Congrega-  
tional ministry the same year.

He was from 1881 to 1884 secretary  
of the Home Missionary Society for  
Ohio, Kentucky, West Virginia and  
Western Pennsylvania, and for 10  
years secretary of the Evangelical  
Alliance for the United States.

Since 1908 Dr. Strong had been  
editor of a magazine called *Gospel of  
the Kingdom*. He wrote a number  
of books dealing with social better-  
ment and religious subjects, and the  
"safety first" movement is declared  
to have had its origin with him.

At tomorrow morning service of  
Roberts Chapel, Washington and  
Gibson streets, Mr. Buxton, of the  
Theological Seminary will preach. At  
8 o'clock there will be a sacred con-  
cert.

## FIRE AT THE SHIPYARD

The Evergreen Burns While on the  
Ways Undergoing Repairs

About two o'clock this afternoon  
the steamboat *Evergreen*, on the ways  
at the shipyard, was found to be  
burning. An alarm was sounded and  
the fire department was rushed to  
the shipyard, but the flames had  
made considerable headway before  
streams could be brought to bear  
upon the boat.

It was practically destroyed before  
the fire was subdued.

The *Evergreen* is a large pleasure  
boat which is used upon the river  
during the summer season.

## BISHOP BROWN COMING

The Rt. Rev. Wm. Cabell Brown,  
D. D., Bishop Coadjutor of Virginia,  
will preach and confirm in Christ  
Church at 11 a. m., St. Paul's  
Church at 4:30 p. m. and Grace  
Church at 8 p. m. tomorrow.

## LOCAL BREVITIES

The faculty of the high school will  
tender a reception tonight in the  
high school auditorium to the cadets.

The May term of the Circuit Court  
for the city, Judge J. B. T. Thorn-  
ton, will begin Monday.

The Aid Society of St. Paul's  
Church will give a Musical Tea on  
Tuesday next from 4 to 6 for the  
benefit of the Electric Light Fund.

Miss Florence A. Long, left today  
for Aldan, Pa., where she will be the  
guest of the Rev. and Mrs. Clarence  
E. Ball.

The Rev. J. B. Green, D. D., of  
Greenwood, S. C., will preach at 11  
o'clock Sunday at the Second Presby-  
terian Church.

Mrs. H. P. Mayo left today for  
a two week's visit to friends and re-  
latives in Richmond, Va., and Ches-  
terfield county.

The dance to be given Monday  
night by a committee of Messrs. Cur-  
tain, Waters, and Wagner has been  
postponed until further notice.

A mass meeting of colored residents  
was held last night at the Alfred  
Street Baptist Church for the pur-  
pose of presenting a petition to the  
City School Board asking for a new  
school building for colored children.

Many Alexandrians who are mem-  
bers of the Mystic Shrine left for  
The Plains, Va., this afternoon, with  
officers and degree team of Acca Tem-  
ple of Richmond for the purpose of  
taking part in a ceremonial there to-  
night. The Alexandrians will return  
tomorrow morning.

## AT THE CHURCHES

The subjects of the sermons of the  
Rev. Edward Kirkley, pastor of the  
Methodist Protestant Church tomor-  
row, will be as follows: 11 a. m.,  
"The Strength of a Church". 8 p.  
m., "The Appointed Day of God."

Dr. Backenstoe, returned mission-  
ary from Africa will occupy the pul-  
pit of the Free Methodist Church  
tomorrow at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.  
Street meeting will be held at the  
corner of Pitt and King streets at  
6:30 p. m.

At Trinity tomorrow the pastor  
will preach at 11 a. m., on "Limit-  
ing the Divine One," and at 7:30 p.  
m., on "Prepare". Beginning with  
the prayer meeting next Wednesday,  
all evening services until further no-  
tice will be held at 8 o'clock. The  
pastor is endeavoring to secure the  
assistance of several ministers for  
the evangelistic services to be held  
in that church May 7 to 21st.

Special meetings will be conducted  
by The Salvation Army, on Sunday,  
Adjutant W. H. Heift, of the In-  
dustrial Branch of the Salvation  
Army, will preach at the First Bapt-  
ist Church, on south Washington  
street, tomorrow night at 7:45. At  
the Salvation Army hall on King  
street, Mrs. Adjutant Heift, will have  
charge of the meeting. This being  
Mother's Day, the Salvation Army,  
expects a large crowd.

Eat Oysters at Rammel's Hotel.

## FRENCH BEAT BACK GERMANS

Invaders Make Attacks on  
Keystone at Verdun to  
be Repulsed

## USED HAND GRENADES

Paris Reports That Crown Prince's  
Armies Suffered Heavily in Advance  
On The Meuse.

Paris, April 29.—The crown prince  
resumed drive on Verdun last night  
with heavy attacks against the French  
positions on both banks of the Meuse.

The Germans launched an attack at  
5 o'clock last night against Hill 304,  
the keystone of the French defenses  
northwest of Verdun.

The war office announced today  
that this assault was stopped by a  
grenade counter-attack.

On the right bank of the Meuse,  
the Germans delivered an even more  
violent attack east of Thiaumont farm  
but were driven back, suffering heavy  
losses.

The fighting on the east bank of  
the Meuse, north and northeast of  
Verdun, spread from the river itself  
to the French positions around Dou-  
aumont and Vaux village. On this  
wide sector savage fighting raged  
throughout yesterday.

Following the most violent artill-  
ery preparation and an intense cur-  
tain fire, the Germans charged the  
French front east of Thiaumont,  
where they have suffered frequent  
defeats. Liquid fire was sprayed upon  
the French advanced trenches as the  
Teutons advanced, but they were met  
by streams of shrapnel and thrown  
back with heavy losses.

Another German force, emerging  
from the northern fringe of Caillette  
wood, attacked heavily on the Dou-  
aumont-Vaux line, but was thrown  
back without a gain.

The Germans confined their infan-  
try activities on the west bank of the  
Meuse to the attack on Hill 304. The  
French artillery was most active  
while this engagement was in pro-  
gress, French shells blowing up a  
German munition depot. The Germans  
positions on Hill 304 throughout the  
day.

## ANOTHER RAID

Villistas Cross Rio Grande and Take  
Possession of Texas Town

Presidio, Tex., April 29.—More than  
500 armed Villistas have crossed the  
Rio Grande River at La Jitas, Tex.  
75 miles from the nearest railroad  
point, and have taken possession of  
the town, according to telegraphic  
messages reaching here yesterday  
from Americans coming from La  
Jitas by automobile.

There has been no fighting so far,  
according to the Americans, no resis-  
tance being offered, but several stores  
have been looted. La Jitas is 15  
miles from Toluca, where several  
mines, employing about 30 Americans  
are situated. A corporal and twelve  
American soldiers are at Toluca.

According to the Americans from  
La Jitas, the bandits have announced  
themselves Villistas, and have said  
they are working under Gen. Placido  
Pinto Villanueva, who, with 200 more  
men, is a few miles south of the bor-  
der.

They are in possession at present  
of about twenty miles of United  
States territory. Grave fears are  
entertained for the safety of the Am-  
ericans at Toluca.

## EAGLES VS. VIGILANTS

What is expected to be one of the  
best games of the local season will  
be played tomorrow afternoon at 2:30  
o'clock when the Eagles Baseball  
Team will line-up against the crack  
Vigilants, one of the strongest nines  
in the District, on the North Alfred  
Street grounds. Manager "Vic" Gauz-  
za of the Vigilants, has promised to  
bring over one of the best teams that  
has ever represented the wearers of  
the big "V". Batteries will be Eagles  
White and Jones; Vigilants, Rector  
and Rector.

## TIDE STRONG TO WILSON

Confidence in His Success More Pro-  
nounced Than Ever

Washington, April 29.—A more pro-  
nounced feeling of confidence in the  
success of the Wilson ticket at the  
November election is evident in Ad-  
ministration circles than at any time  
within recent months.

And this feeling has its basis in  
the belief that no candidate whom the  
Republicans may nominate at Chi-  
cago can meet the Democratic cam-  
paign slogan of "peace and prosper-  
ity". If there is neither peace nor  
prosperity in November, then this  
slogan will, of course, fall down, but  
if both conditions are then present  
in American national life they will  
make a situation which Republican  
orators and organs cannot prevail  
against.

This conclusion is arrived at from  
the significance of recent political  
events. The vote cast in Republican  
primaries in Michigan and Nebraska  
for Henry Ford is one of them. That  
vote was the unorganized and un-  
solicited expression of thousands of  
people who believe in peace at al-  
most any price which a nation may  
have to pay for it. It was a vote  
that came straight from the hearts  
of men, rather than from their minds.

Such a vote will be a powerful fac-  
tor in the coming contest. If it has  
the strength elsewhere that it had in  
the Republican half of the people of  
Michigan and Nebraska, it will deter-  
mine the issue in November, if this  
country is itself not at war, regard-  
less of all other considerations.

And this vote will, for the most  
part, go to the candidate in November  
who has labored hardest, who has suf-  
ficed most to keep this nation out  
of war. Innumerable crises may have  
been faced, meantime, the country  
may have been on the verge of war  
again and again, but if it has escaped  
that fate, and escaped it with honor,  
the man who piloted the country  
through the storm will get the bulk  
of the peace vote. That seems as cer-  
tain as the days of the week.

There will be detractors, of course.

There will be thousands of Republi-  
can politicians who will heap re-  
proach upon the President for a  
"weak" and "vacillating" policy, but  
it is apparent to anybody who has  
studied the peace sentiment in the  
United States that this shouting will  
have little effect upon the people who  
value the blessing of peace.

## COMEDY IN BIG FILM

A great deal of film comedy is  
horse-play, but David W. Griffith in  
"The Birth of a Nation" which is  
being shown in the National theatre  
proves that quiet refined comedy is a  
big laugh maker and pleases people  
better than the old style crude meth-  
ods.

One of the best laughs in "The  
Birth of a Nation" is the loveliest  
sentry in the Hospital scene gazing  
at Elsie Stoneman. This particular  
bit is of the "sure fire" order, for  
never does an audience miss the rapt  
devotion of the sentinel and the  
haughty expression of the young lady  
rebuking him with a million-miles-  
away look.

Young LeBlanc is the name of the  
young actor who has made the un-  
expected hit in the part. He is a  
New Orleans Creole by birth and  
played comedy roles with Mme. Bern-  
hardt before going out to Los An-  
geles where Mr. Griffith discovered  
him. The costuming of the young sol-  
dier is wonderfully accurate to the  
period of 1864. Some of the recent  
Civil War portraits in the magazines  
and newspapers are almost doublets  
of this sentry figure, showing what  
care Griffith has used in reproducing  
the Civil War type.

Miss Lillian Gish wears her cos-  
tumes of Civil War and Re-construc-  
tion times that are heirlooms in her  
family. Through Griffith's skill all  
the actors in the production are made  
to appear as if to the manner born  
and not awkwardly moving about in  
habillaments to which they are unac-  
customed.

## DRANK CARBOLIC ACID

Adrian Roberts, the three year old  
son of Mr. and Mrs. Caleb E. Roberts  
of 508 Queen street, is in a critical  
condition at the Alexandria Hospital  
from taking a dose of carbollic acid.  
The child drank the acid by mistake  
this morning at 8:30 o'clock and was  
taken to the Hospital where Dr.  
Hugh McGuire attended him.

## REVOLUTION IN IRELAND

Between 2,000 and 10,000  
Rebels Surrounded by  
British

## MANY FIRES IN CITY

Reports That Some Revolutionists  
Have Made Overtures Looking to  
a Surrender.

London, April 29.—A rebel force,  
variously estimated at from 2,000 to  
10,000, has been cornered and sur-  
rounded in the heart of Dublin by  
British troops.

The government forces have laid  
siege to the general postoffice build-  
ing in which the rebels have estab-  
lished headquarters.

Several nearby buildings have been  
captured from the Sinn Feiners.

Light artillery has been trained  
upon the post office, but the British  
commanders hope to capture the re-  
bel headquarters without doing fur-  
ther damage to the building itself.

A press dispatch from a town near  
Dublin today reported that some of  
the rebels bands have made over-  
tures for surrender.

Severe fighting occurred in the Irish  
capital late yesterday afternoon when  
British troops attacked and captured  
the strongly-entrenched positions of  
the rebels in Stephen's Green.

The Green itself is enclosed by a  
wall.

Entrance is gained only through  
comparatively narrow gates, across  
which the Sinn Feiners had built  
high barricades of overturned auto-  
buses and trucks.

Government troops rushed the bar-  
ricades in a massed attack and after  
fifteen minutes of furious hand to  
hand fighting broke through the gate.

Inside the green the rebels had  
thrown up shallow trenches, protected  
by sand bags. From behind these  
they poured fusillades into the Brit-  
ish troops attacking the gate.

Despite this hot fire, the govern-  
ment forces charged the rebel works  
without waiting for re-enforcements.  
One detachment of Sinn Feiners  
was cut off and surrounded. The pri-  
soners numbered more than 300.

An unofficial dispatch today said  
the entire green is in possession of  
government forces.

Several women Sinn Feiners who  
figured in the early street fighting,  
have disappeared and are believed to  
have been hidden away by rebel sym-  
pathizers who feared they would be  
executed.

The authorities have been informed  
that the Countess Markievicz, sister  
of an Irish baron and wife of a Po-  
lish nobleman, appeared in a green  
uniform and marched with the Sinn  
Feiners on the day the revolt began.

According to the best information  
obtainable here today, the rebels still  
hold the general postoffice, a large  
biscuit factory near Dublin castle,  
and the four Courts, an area situated  
between the castle and the Royal  
Dublin barracks.

Fires are still burning in several  
parts of the city.

At Killarney, Gorey, Clonmel, and  
in certain sections of County Galway  
disturbances have occurred but other  
portions of Ireland remain calm.  
It was officially stated.

## CARDINALS PLAY EMPIRE

The Cardinal Athletic Club base-  
ball team will play the Empire Ath-  
letic nine of Washington, Sunday at  
2:30 p. m. in the Cardinal Base-  
ball Park. Manager Heise will send  
to the pitchers' box his best twirler,  
who will try to trim the hard-hitting  
Cardinals. Manager Crump will make  
his selection from Allensworth, Al-  
baugh, and Sweeney, with McBride  
or Giovannetti catching. Tommy Deg-  
nan will hold down the second sack  
with Merchant on first, Deviers, third  
Purdy, short; Owens, Snowden,  
O'Donnell, Cudmore, Risdon, Cornell,  
and Sillex outfielders.

Edmund Hill, Jr., has been admitted  
to practice in the Corporation Court.

Martha Washington Candies, Fresh  
every day, at P. O. Cockey's 525 King